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I recently became aware that the Alaska Highway Public Lands Information Center and Rest Area is no longer listed in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. This is a much-needed facility and dropping it from the STIP is, in my opinion, a mistake. Design development is close to completion and funds are available for land acquisition, without STIP designation the project will be ineligible for funding and will, essentially, be killed.

The facility's location in Tok will improve the travel on the Alaska Highway, providing travelers a place to gather and get their bearings upon entering Alaska. The variety of information that would be provided by this APLIC includes trip planning, current road construction information, wildfire advisories and weather conditions among other services that will assist Alaskans and visitors alike in traveling safely within Alaska. In addition, the APLIC will provide much-needed rest and comfort amenities that are all too sparse along Alaska's roads.

This is an important facility for Alaska and its construction will go far toward improving the traveling experience on our road system and help educate people about Alaska's public lands. Please consider restoring the Alaska Highway APLIC to the state's STIP.

Thank you for your consideration.



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